REMARKS

Claims 2-11, 13-29, 31-37 and 39-47 are pending in this application, and have been allowed. Claims 13 and 39 have been objected to for formal matters.

Summary of Interview

Applicants thank Examiner for the helpful telephone interview conducted on August 27, 2008, at which Examiner Fleurantin and Attorney Benjamin Sparrow were present. During the interview, the formal objections to claims 13 and 39 were discussed. Attorney Sparrow recited support in the Specification for the claim language indicated in the formal objections. In response, Examiner Fleurantin stated that Applicants may file a reply providing said support, and that no amendment to the claims would be necessary. Accordingly, Applicants are providing remarks below to support Claims 13 and 39; acceptance is respectfully requested.

Claim 13 recites "output of the operator is input to a respective succeeding operator in the sequence in a manner free of necessarily materializing data," and further recites, "record data are processed at intermediate parts on the logical data flow as a collection of data field values in a manner free of being materialized as whole records between two successive operators" (emphasis added). Similarly, Claim 39 recites "processing record data at intermediate locations on the logical data path as a collection of data field values, in a manner free of being materialized as whole records between two successive operators" (emphasis added). Support for this claim language is found at least on page 52, line 27 - page 53, line 9 of the specification as originally filed, which, in part, states:

> Other operators delay materialization of record data as in Jobs 3, 4, and 5 of the above example. Yet other operators provide links, pointers or other references to interim results (instead of passing whole record data or materialized data) toward enhancing the JPU memory savings effect of delaying materialization. That is, record data are processed at intermediate locations on the logical data path 700 as a collection of data field values in a manner free of being materialized as whole records between two successive operators.

As a result, it is believed that the formal objections of Claims 13 and 39 have been overcome, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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